

**DISTRICT III ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FOR APRIL 2000**

APRIL 4, 2000

7:00 p.m.

The District Advisory Board III was held in room 117, Colvin Mini-City Hall, 2820 S. Roosevelt.

Members Present

Pastor Brent Turnispeed
Phil Bloomquist
John Kemp
Gene Furrh
Jim Gulick
Judy Dillard
William Ward
Ora Nestelroad

Members Absent

Sharon Askew (Transportation Problem)
Lois Newman (Previous Commitment)
Phyllis Hall (Health Problems)

Guests

Mark Bradshaw, Health Department
Randy Sparkman, OCI
Leonard Fox, OCI
Herb Shaner, OCI
B.R. Sigman, WPD
M.L. Roets, WPD
M.D. Hungria, WPD

Council Member Phil Lambke called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Council Member Lambke stated the Board meetings would be conducted in an informal fashion. He then proceeded to review the DAB packet with the Board members.

PUBLIC AGENDA

No items were submitted.

COUNCIL AGENDA

1. Presentation on code Enforcement and Zoning Issues.

Mark Bradshaw, Environmental Health Supervisor spoke about the following items:

- a. Trash needs to be in proper container and disposed properly;
- b. Citizens living in residential areas must have a contract with a trash service to pick up on a weekly basis;
- c. Accumulation of junk cars and trash is illegal;
- d. Grass taller than 12 inches is a violation of City code;
- e. The Health Department enforces Animal Control Regulations in Wichita;

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- f. Burial of small animals like dogs or cats is allowed on residential property as long as the burial site is deep enough to avoid other animals from digging up the remains;
- g. Abandoned inoperable vehicles on private property can receive a citation, but it needs to be proven in court that the vehicle can not be started or moved on its own;
- h. The Health Department also intervenes with dilapidated residential dwellings;
- i. There are particular situations that will take priority response from the health department such as a sewer system contents running freely on the streets;
- j. illegal dumping shall be reported immediately. Citizens are encouraged to call and report these violations as soon as possible;
- k. However, Mr. Bradshaw emphasized that the more detail information is provided, including addresses and a good description of the situation, the better chance to be able to take some action;
- l. The initial inspection is done within 2 working days;
- l. The Environmental Health division fax number is 268-8390, can be used by citizens to send reports of possible violations.

DAB Member John Kemp asked about when will Mr. Bradshaw thinks the current Health department code enforcement regulations will change in order to be more restrictive to abandoned vehicles issues.

Mr. Bradshaw responded that there have been some revisions in that matter, however, there still a lot to be done yet.

Jim Skeleton, President of Gypsum Association of Neighbors suggested that the City of Wichita should use public service announcements to encourage people who own inoperable vehicles to donate them to non-profits organizations such as The Heart Association, etc. Mr. Bradshaw responded that it is a good idea that may be used to help correct the problem.

Council Member Lambke commented that at the present time, it is difficult to enforce this law and that some of the violations fall into the cracks, because it takes too long. Council Member Lambke also told Board members that perseverance is the key on these issues.

Herb Shaner, Office of Central Inspection Inspector spoke about the following items:

- a. OCI deals with residential zoning violations as well as commercial.
- b. There are some restrictions on people parking their vehicles on sidewalks and drive ways, especially for prolonged periods of time.
- c. No vehicle parking is allowed on grass or any other non-surfaced ground.
- d. A Citizen is allowed to perform minor repairs on his or her vehicle, such as oil Changes or battery replacement. Mayor mechanical repairs or commercial (for Profit) repairs are prohibited.

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Board Member William Ward asked Mr. Rivera to find out information about Setting up a Neighborhood Patrol class for his Neighborhood Association.

Mr. Rivera informed the Board members that the next neighborhood patrol class will be offer at the Neighborhood University on April 29, 2000 at Wichita State University.

Board Member Judy Dillard said that citizens in general are not aware of zoning Issues that are affecting their properties such as the procedure and cost to request Downzoning on a residential area. Mrs. Dillard's asked Mr. Rivera to find out More information on this matter and to reported back to the next Board meeting.

Leonard Fox, OCI Inspector spoke about the following:

- a. **The Clean TeamConcept** , is about city staff from different departments working together as a team to improve the conditions of the neighborhoods around the city.
- b. Mr. Fox also talked about the process involved in order to condemn a property. He also encouraged Board members to meet their area Neighborhood Inspectors.

Randy Sparkman, OCI Zoning Supervisor,spoke about the following:

- a. Commercial and Residential Zoning issues.
- b. OCI has two Inspectors doing solely Commercial Zoning Enforcement.
- c. Commercial Properties can remain borded up forever, while border up residential dwellings have a time limit restrain on it.
- d. Graffiti Enforcement is also done by Mr. Sparkman's division and property owners affected by graffiti can remove it themselves or the City employees, will do it for them using any color to cover the graffiti, not neccesarily the one already use in the property.

2. Selection of First Pro Tem and Second Pro Tem.

Council Member Lambke decided to postpone this election until May's meeting

3. New site for District Advisory Board meeting.

Council Member Lambke presented before the board the issue of after school activities by Colvin Elementary School on Board meeting day, Tuesday, that affects the school's Schedule. He also asked the board to consider other options such as changing the meeting date or location. However, he made it clear that the location at The Colvin Community Center is a site for a Mini-City Hall and will be used as the District Advisory Board meeting site, due to an special allocation of CDBG funds that requires board meetings at this particular location.

The Board Members consensus was that they wanted to keep the meetings on Tuesday nights at Colvin.

4. Discussion of Subcommittees

Council Member Lambke suggested to board members a creation of three Subcommittees:

- a) Capital Improvement & Planning
- b) Traffic (it involves changing traffic patterns, parking issues, speed limits, etc.)
- c) Zoning

Council Member Lambke said he would be contacting board members to appoint them to Subcommittees.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **9:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Rivera
District III Neighborhood Assistant